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SUBJECT: ACADEMIC GROUPS TOURING PRIVATELY: 1) RICE UNIVERSITY PLAYERS; 2) UARKETTES

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1. REGRET NO DRAMA PANEL EVALUATION POSSIBLE ON RICE UNIVERSITY PLAYERS. PLAY NOT BEING REHEARSED UNTIL JUST PRIOR DEPARTURE. GROUP HAS NOT TOURED PREVIOUSLY IN U.S. OR ABROAD.

2. DEPT ADVISED THAT PLAYERS DESIRE PERFORM IN REYKJAVIK MAY 12, 13, 14 OR 25, 26, 27 ALTHOUGH EARLIER DATES PREFERABLE. UNIVERSITY ACCOMMODATIONS BEING ARRANGED FOR PLAYERS IN REYKJAVIK BY ICELANDIC AIRWAYS. IF EMB DECIDES PROGRAM PLAYERS AT OWN DISCRETION, CU/CP WILL PASS MESSAGE TO DIRECTOR.

3. UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS UARKETTES HAS NOT SUBMITTED TAPE FOR PANEL EVALUATION SINCE 1968 WHEN GROUP NOT ENDORSED BY PANEL. DIRECTOR KEN BALLENGER DESCRIBES GROUP STYLE AS SIMILAR TO JOHNNY MANN SINGERS. ON TOUR THEY PLAN TO HIGHLIGHT AMERICAN MUSIC AND INCLUDE SOME MUSICAL COMEDY SKITS.

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